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### Knight School - Dist. #91

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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## COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

## Humanities on the Frontier

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## HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska County CusterLocation (in miles & direction from nearest town) 1 1/2 miles West and one mile South of the Valley and Custer County line.Is this the original location? yesName of building & origin of name Knight - named after pioneer BENJAMIN KnightName & number of the district Dist # 91Date built 1880 Years in use 78 yrsWho built it? A contractor or the community? CommunityDoes it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? community

Names of former teachers: LC. TALBOT, MRS M. DEEN, FRANCES COOPER, Edna Westcott, MARY LEACH, PETTIE MOODY, MABEL CANNON, BERTHA CRAWFORD, HATTIE REYNOLDS, JOHN MURRAY, NELLIE JOHNSTON, O.J. SILVER, E.E. PICKETT, EVA WEINERS, BESSIE MURRAY, MISS MONTEITH, JEANNIE TODD, MANNIE HUDSON, LEONA EVANS, MARIE MARTIN, PRUDY SHERBECK, ALICE MYLTON, DORA BRYANT, MARY JOHNSON, VERA ARMSBURY, AGNES HIGHLEY, MYRTLE KERN, BEILE MILLS, ETHEL SILVEY, MYRTLE FOX, VERA SILVEY,

Names of former students (family names only): LOIS VOSE, LENORE SLINGSBY, LOUISE SLINGSBY, JO ELLEN BURNS, FRANCES NUNN, Edna Fielding, Faye CRIST, HAZEL ARMSTRONG,  
ARMSTRONGS, BRONGS, HICKMANS, NAQELS, DIMMITS, KINGSTONS, ALLENS, CRISTS, NEHLS, JOHNS, HUNTS, PORTERS, HILLS, MILLS, PETERSONS.

Name &amp; address of person in charge of building:

Part of Christian Church in Ausley, Ne.Who is the owner? Edgar Slingsby



# COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY HISTORIC SITE FORM

## Architectural Features:

Size of building 2026

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) 3 to a side

Number of doors (entrances) 1

Number of classrooms ONE

Bell tower or cupola Cupola

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) WOOD

Type of roof WOOD SHINGLE

Outhouses TWO

Playground Equipment MERRY-GO-ROUND

Color of building & trim White - no trim

Coal shed or stable COAL shed and barn - also storm cellar + WINDMILL

Teacherage BOARDED IN DISTRICT

Flagpole YES

## Other architectural features:

The school had early day hot lunches. This school was 1 mi east from where Luther Mitchell & Ami Ketchum homesteaded and where Bob Olive had his gun battle with these two homesteaders. Anything left inside? NO Resulting in the fatal shooting of Bob Olive.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember? OLD SCHOOL RECORDS SHOW WORK done by SEVERAL OLD TIMERS: CARPENTER WORK - George DUNCANSON, COAL HAULING - HARRY McMICHAEL, Buying lumber - N.A. LEWIN, Supplies - RAMSEY Drug and Weddel BROS., Buying COAL - Roy CLARK, Supplies - Jess MARVEL  
Dissolved school in 1963

Current condition & use:

PART OF Christian Church - Ansley Ne.

District records available: yes no ☒ where stored                     

Black & white photo taken: yes no ☒

Old photos available: yes no ☒

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

NO

Name & address of surveyor WINNIE ARNOLD date